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FOLLOWING IS DRAFT OF POSSIBLE REMARKS FOR AMB KEATING
AT PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS:

"MR. PRESIDENT:

" I HAVE THE HONOR AND GREAT PLEASURE TO PRESENT TO YOU THE LETTER
ACCREDITING ME AS THE UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO ISRAEL AND
THE LETTER OF RECALL OF MY DISTINGUISHED PREDECESSOR, MR. WALWORTH
BARBOUR. IN DOING SO, I CONVEY TO YOU, AND TO THE GOVERNMENT
AND PEOPLE OF ISRAEL, THE MOST SINCERE GOOD WISHES OF PRESIDENT
NIXON AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

"THE TIES BETWEEN OUR NATIONS, MR. PRESIDENT, ARE BOTH ANCIENT
AND NEW. FROM THE WISDOM OF THE HOLY BOOK -- WHICH CAME INTO
BEING AMONG THE PEOPLE OF THIS LAND -- SPRING THE PRINCIPLES OF
HUMAN DIGNITY AND INDIVIDUAL WORTH ON WHICH RESTS THE SYSTEM OF
GOVERNMENT UNDER WHICH THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE LIVED FOR THE
ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY-SEVEN YEARS OF THEIR INDEPENDENCE

"THE GREAT MAJORITY OF OUR PEOPLE LOOK UPON THE HOLY LAND
AS A SOURCE OF INSPIRATION AND AN AREA OF VENERATION. FROM THIS,
IN PART, STEMS THE FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION THAT HAS MARKED
THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO NATIONS SINCE THE INDEPENDENCE
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OF ISRAEL IN 1948. THESE TIES ARE BROAD AND DEEP, MR. PRESIDENT,

AND I SHALL STRIVE TO MAINTAIN AND, INDEED, ENHANCE THEM.

" IT IS WITH A WARM AND ABIDING PERSONAL REGARD, MR. PRESIDENT, THAT I TAKE UP MY DUTIES. MY INTEREST AND CONCERN IN THE AFFAIRS OF YOUR PEOPLE HAS SPANNED MY LIFETIME. IN A STRONG SENSE, THEY HAVE PARALLELED THE SYMPATHETIC CONCERN THAT MY NATION HAS DEMONSTRATION. THE INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES -- SPIRITUAL AS WELL AS TEMPORAL -- HAVE DEEP ROOTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST. WE ARE DEDICATED TO THE CAUSE OF PEACE AND THE WELL-BEING OF THE PEOPLE OF THE AREA. IT IS A CAUSE, SIR, TO WHICH I KNOW YOU AND YOUR NATION ARE SIMILARLY DEDICATED. IN THIS, I AM REMINDED OF ISAIAH 57:19: "PEACE TO HIM THAT IS FAR OFF, AND TO HIM THAT IS NEAR."

" THIS IS OUR PURSUIT, AND IT IS ONE TOWARD WHICH I ASSURE YOU, SIR, I SHALL DEDICATE EVERY EFFORT. JUST AS I KNOW I HAVE THE SUPPORT OF MY PRESIDENT, SO I HOPE, SIR, I MAY HAVE YOUR ENCOURAGEMENT IN THIS ENDEAVOR.

"TOGETHER, OUR NATIONS, BY THEIR EXAMPLE OF FRIENDSHIP AND MUTUAL RESPECT, CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE WELFARE OF OUR NEIGHBORS ON THIS PLANET. TOGETHER, WE MAY HELP TO BRING AN END TO THE TIME OF WAR, OF WHICH WE ARE WARNED, AND ENTER THE TIME OF PEACE, OF WHICH WE ARE PROMISED."
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